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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN ATTENDENCE AT 62ND UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Poloff spoke with Sherif Refaat, 2nd Secretary at the MFA Office of UN Affairs, on August 1 regarding the Egyptian delegation to the 62nd UN General Assembly. Refaat said that plans are still being made, but provided the following preliminary information on the Egyptian delegation:

1A. Attendance of the Head of State.

-- No Head of State attendance.

1B. Attendance of the Head of Government.

-- No Head of Government attendance.

1C. Attendance of the Foreign Minister.

-- Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister of Foreign Affairs

-- Arrival and departure dates not yet known

-- Spouse travel not yet known, but she usually does not attend.

-- No interpretation necessary

1D. Attendance of other host country VIPs.

-- Not yet known

1E. Attendance of the Foreign Ministry official responsible for IO affairs or official who is a regular interlocutor of regional assistant secretaries or Department principals.

-- Naela Gabr, Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Relations

-- Arrival and departure dates in New York not yet known

-- Spouse travel not yet known

-- No interpretation required

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